

2012 Clean Water Indiana Grant



The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The (CWI) Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the (CWI) Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2012, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 21 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$1,078,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).

LEAD DISTRICT: KNOX
 COLLABORATING DISTRICT: SULLIVAN, GREENE, DAVIESS,
 GIBSON, PIKE, DuBOIS, WARRICK
 TARGET WATERSHEDS: MIDDLE WABASH BUSSERON, EEL,
 LOWER WHITE, PATOKA, LOWER OHIO-LITTLE PIGEON
 LOWER WABASH
 PROJECT NAME: SW INDIANA CONSERVATION COOPERATIVE
 PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2012-12/31/2014
 PROJECT AMOUNT: \$60,000

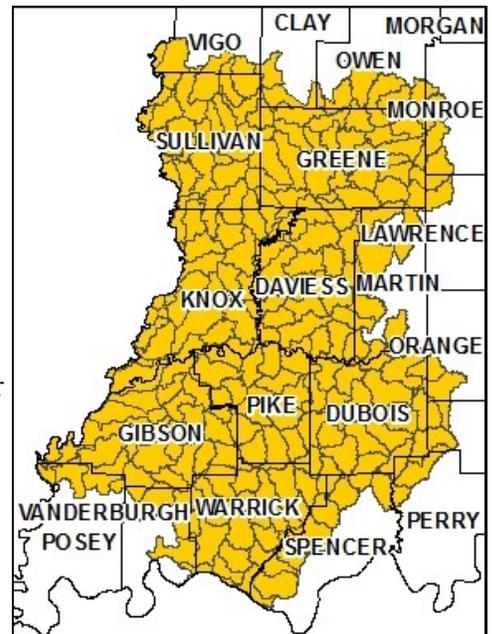


Purpose: Expand On-Farm Network Program

The eight participating SWCDs will establish at least one On-Farm Network group, expand existing On-Farm Network groups, and promote the use of cover crops and gypsum to reduce soil erosion and nutrient loading of surface and ground waters. Special consideration will be given to the 230,951 acres of bond-released reclaimed mine land in the project area which are not eligible for reclamation funds and are no longer under the oversight of the DNR Division of Reclamation.

Each District will promote the use of cover crops to farmers of reclaimed land and will provide technical assistance on the appropriate use of cover crops for erosion control, nutrient cycling, and soil health. Districts will also provide technical assistance to producers desiring to establish cover crop plots.

The Districts will work together to plan field days and peer-to-peer events to promote the Conservation Cooperative program and to keep the region's farmers and landowners up-to-date on the latest in conservation technology and management practices.



THE WEST CENTRAL INDIANA WATERSHED COALITION WILL PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR THE NEW ON-FARM NETWORK GROUP(S) AND WILL PROVIDE COST SHARE FOR COVER CROP PLOTS IN BUSSERON CREEK WATERSHED.

Solar Sources and Peabody Coal will provide funds for cover crops and cover crop demonstration plots on reclaimed mine lands.

